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SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

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COUNTRY

TOPIC

Staaken Airfield

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 25 August to 18 September 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 13 October 1953

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1. Between 26 August and 16 September 1953, no aircraft or activity were observed at Staaken airfield. Only one sentry was occasionally observed in front of the hangars. On 26 August, the hangars were open and vacant. Cows were observed grazing on the landing field. A PKV-45 DF station, guarded by a sentry and armed with a submachine gun, was located at the southwestern corner of the landing field. No motor vehicles were observed entering or leaving the field. A carpenter who was ordered to do repair work in the large messhall at the storage building in late August 1953, stated that the transferred Soviets had taken all mobile things along.

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2. Up to 18 September, the airfield had not been re-occupied by personnel or aircraft. As far as discernible, the quartering buildings were only occupied by a Soviet detail and a border guard detail. Cattle were grazing in the southwestern section of the field. A civilian guard was posted at the main entrance. At about 2 p.m. on 3 September, truck [REDACTED] occupied by about 10 Soviets and about 10 VP men, passed through the main entrance to the field coming from the direction of the zonal border. A PKV-45 DF station was located in the southwestern corner of the field. It was rumored that the airfield would be taken over by the KVP.

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3. On 25 August, the airfield was unoccupied and the hangars and other buildings appeared to be vacant. No activity was observed between the buildings. The landing field was used as pasture-land. The electric lines leading to lamps which were fitted on the fence being dismantled.

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4. At about 6 p.m. on 27 August, no aircraft, motor vehicles or soldiers were observed at the field. Hay stacks and grazing cows were seen on one section of the field.
5. A barber who formerly had been employed by the Soviets at the field returned to the field on 27 August to pick up firewood stated later that the quartering buildings were vacant and that no aircraft were stationed at the field.

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The barber has not been permitted to enter the field since this time. A few old men were also observed standing by the flight control station.

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6. On 31 August, the field was not occupied by Soviet Air Force and was being used as pasture-land. 1
7. On 7 September, only a Soviet border guard detail of Unit Pavelyukov from Crossglenitke was stationed at the field. No aircraft were observed on the landing field or in front of the hangars. A civilian guard was posted at the gate of the barracks installation. The guard personnel who wore SED badges had been detached from Falkensee. 2 On 17 September, letters [] were observed in the quartering buildings of the former unit of auditor Malkov (fnu). The civil guard personnel at the gate of the barracks installation said that the airfield would soon be occupied by KVP, with green service colors. 3

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8. On 17 September, no aircraft or guard personnel were observed at the field. Four civilians, probably workers, went to a quartering building. Cows were grazing on the landing field. 1

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1. [] Comment. Staaken airfield has not been re-occupied by an air unit since the transfer to Schoenefeld of the transport regiment between 7 and 12 August 1953. Of the previously observed radio installations only the PKV-45 DF station is still located at the field.

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2. [] Comment. [] Auditor Pavelyukov was reported previously.

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3. [] Comment. Auditor Malkov is assigned to the transport regiment, [] which was stationed at Staaken airfield prior to early August 1953. The letters mentioned will be forwarded as soon as the source is able to secure them.

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